

REMARKS

This Supplemental Response is filed responsive to the Office communication dated 14 October 2009, which is a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment following Applicants' Supplemental Response of 22 July 2009, which was filed following the Office communication of 24 June 2009, which was a follow-up communication from the Office Action dated 5 January 2009. In the Office communication, the Office indicated that Applicants' response of 6 April 2009 was not fully responsive for two reasons: 1) the replacement abstract was not presented on a separate sheet; and 2) the patentable distinctions of each of the new claims was not specifically pointed out. Applicants submitted a Supplemental Response on 22 July 2009 that was believed to correct these insufficiencies. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 14 October 2009 pointed out informalities in the font selection in several segments of the amendments presented on 22 July 2009. In this Supplemental Response, Applicants have corrected these minor informalities by removing the strikethrough notations for deletions when accompanied by the double bracket notation. The amendments represented herein are marked up relative to the version examined by the Office in preparing the first Office Action of 5 January 2009 (i.e., these amendments include those presented on 6 April 2009). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments presented herein. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the application in combination with this Second Supplemental Response, the prior Supplemental Response, and the prior Amendment and Response.

In this Second Supplemental Response, together with the prior Responses, Applicants have addressed each and all of the issues raised in the various Office communications. Applicants respectfully submit that each of the objections and rejections has been rendered moot and/or overcome by the foregoing amendments and remarks. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any

questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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